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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NEW YORK TIMES MAY 8 ITEM. QUOTE
CITY DRAFTS APOLOGY TO BEATEN DIPLOMAT BY LAWRENCE VAN
GELDER. THE CITY OF NEW YORK DRAFTED A FORMAL APOLOGY
YESTERDAY TO THE LIBERIAN DIPLOMAT HOSPITALIZED AFTER HE
WAS BEATEN EARLY SUNDAY BY A GROUP OF WHITE YOUTHS IN THE
MARBLE HILL SECTION OF MANHATTAN.

MRS. JOHN L. LOEB, THE CITY'S COMMISSIONER FOR THE UNITED
NATIONS AND THE CONSULAR CORPS SAID SHE WAS WRITING TO THE
DIPLOMAT, WINSTON RICHARDS, " EXPRESSING MY SHOCK AND
CONCERN AT THIS INEXCUSABLE INCIDENT WHICH UNFORTUNATELY IS
PART OF THIS WHOLE URBAN DISINTEGRATION IN THE WORLD AND
NOT JUST IN NEW YORK CITY."

MRS. LOEB, WHOSE OFFICE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1962 AS THE
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OFFICIAL LIAISON BETWEEN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER DIPLOMATS HERE, SAID SHE HAD ALSO TOLD MRS. EUGENIA STEVENSON, THE LIBERIAN CONSUL- GENERAL HERE, " HOW SORRY AND HOW SHOCKED I WAS THAT IT (THE INCIDENT) HAPPENED."

MR. RICHARDS, 40 YEARS OLD, A DEPUTY MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS WHO WAS IN THE UNITED STATES ON A MONTH- LONG DIPLO- MATIC ASSIGNMENT, REMAINED IN SATISFACTORY CONDITION YESTERDAY IN MONTEFIORE HOSPITAL IN THE BRONX, UNDER OBSERVATION AFTER THE ATTACK, WHICH INCLUDED AN EFFORT TO PLUCK OUT ONE OF HIS EYES.

LESS SEVERELY INJURED IN THE ATTACK WAS EMMETT DENNIS, 33, AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ZOOLOGY AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, WHO HAD ALSO ATTENDED THE PARTY AND LEFT HIS WIFE TO INTERVENE WHEN THE ATTACK TOOK PLACE.

RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITY SURROUNDING THE 20- STORY MID- DLE- INCOME APARTMENT HOUSE AT 150 WEST 225 TH STREET, WHERE THE TWO MEN HAD ATTENDED A PARTY AND WHICH IS HALF A BLOCK FROM WHERE THE ATTACK OCCURRED, SPOKE YESTERDAY OF HOSTILITY BETWEEN BLACKS AND WHITES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, BUT NONE DESCRIBED THE TENSIONS AS WORSE THAN THOSE ELSE- WHERE IN THE CITY.

" I MOVED INTO THE BUILDING LAST NOVEMBER," SAID AN 18- YEAR- OLD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, " AND SLOWLY UUT SURELY MY FAMILY HAS FELT RISING HOSTILITY TOWARDS BLACKS."

HE ADDED THAT LAST MONTH " A GROUP OF WHITE BOYS" HAD SLASHED TIRES ON ABOUT 20 CARS IN THE BUILDING' S BASEMENT GARAGE. THE POLICE DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE INCIDENT, BUT A MAINTENANCE MAN IN THE BUILDING CONFIRMED THE TEEN- AGER' S ACCOUNT.

THREE WHITE MOTHERS ON 225 TH STREET COMPLAINED THAT THEY NO LONGER FELT SAFE SHOPPING ON BROADWAY AFTER 2:30 P. M. BECAUSE, THEY SAID, THEY HAD BEEN HARASSED BY BLACK STUDENTS LEAVING JOHN F KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL, WHICH OPENED LAST FALL, AT TERRACE VIEW AVENUE AND WEST 23 OTH UNCLASSIFIED

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STREET.

FOUR YOUTHS WERE ARRESTED SHORTLY AFTER THE ATTACK ON MR. RICHARDS AND MR. DENNIS. THE POLICE OF THE NINTH DETECTIVE DISTRICT SAID YESTERDAY THEY WERE SEEKING TO DETERMINE IF A FIFTH YOURDTH HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN THE ATTACK.

SOME RESIDENTS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD DISCLAIMED REPORTS THAT NO ONE BESIDES AN OFF- DUTY POLICEMAN, JOHN CROWE, OF THE 50 TH PRECINCT, HAD GONE TO THE AID OF THE VICTIMS. ONE WOMAN SAID HER HUSBAND HAD BEEN CUT IN THROWING HIMSELF ACROSS MR. RICHARD' S BODY TO PROTECT HIM, AND SHESAID A REGISTERED NURSE HAD COME OUT TO ADMINISTER FIRST AID.

TWO OF THE FOUR ARRESTED YOUTHS-- IDENTIFIED BY POLICE AS PHILLIP BRAY, 16, OF 135 TERRACE VIEW AVENUE AND JOHN JOYCE, 16, OF 17 INTERVALE PLACE, YONKERS-- WERE ARRAIGNED SUNDAY BEFORE CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE ARTHUR BLYN, WHO SET BAIL AT DOLS 5000 EACH PENDING FURTHER PROCEEDINGS TOMORROW.

THE OTHER TWO YOUTHS, AGES 13 AND 15, WERE NOT IDENTIFIED BY THE POLICE BECAUSE OF THEIR AGE. THEY WERE CHARGED WITH JUVENILE DELINQUENCY. ROGERS

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